

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – February 22, 2016

Attendance

Commissioners: George Morgan, Bob Howden, Willie McAdory, Adam Williams, Judy Jobes, and Amy Danzer

Staff: Joe Aguglia, Heidi Meyer, Charlotte Scalise

Guest: Doug Smith

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made to approve the minutes of October (November's and January's were just notes as there was no quorum) by George Morgan and seconded Bob Howden. Approved unanimously.

Directors Report

There may be an employment hearing soon. An email will be sent asking anyone who may have conflicts to identify such and setting a date for the hearing.

Old Business

The Housing Seminar is April 27. It is requested that a Commissioner be in attendance. The timing is about 8:30 until about 4:30 depending on the number of speakers.

Letters were sent to all commissioners reminding them of the need to attend meetings. Mary Hayes has died and Bob Curry is unable to attend due to medical issues. They will look to have those seats filled. There are some other member's attendance issues that still need to be addressed.

The Home Builders Show is this weekend but there is no space for us to attend as the venue has changed. If room is made available (due to cancellation, etc.), Charlotte will let us know as we would like to have Commissioner representation.

Our CDBG request in Millcreek seems to be getting a positive response. It is unclear the response from the City of Erie CDBG process to our request. We should have a better idea in March when the prioritization is made known.

The housing testing has been finished in the county. Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC) is compiling the report. We will be notified when they want to set up a meeting to go over the results.

New Business

Elections were held. Bob Howden moved that the entire slate of officers nominated in November be approved. This was seconded by Adam Williams. George Morgan was approved unanimously as Chair, Bob was approved unanimously as Vice Chair with Bob Howden abstaining. Amy Danzer was approved unanimously as Secretary with Amy Danzer abstaining.

The HRC will be at the Attorney General Consumer Fair will be at the Mall on March 4.

The HRC will be at Sean Wiley's Veteran's Fair at Gannon on April 21.

Given some recent changes on the Advisory Board, there is more energy than had been in the past so hopefully more will be accomplished than in the past several years.

Public Comment or Open Discussion

Judy has helped a young woman get services through OVR. This woman should be eligible to receive treatment at Shriners.

Adjournment

Adam Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Bob Howden and approved unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:28 pm.